

NSRE UPDATE

NATIONAL SURVEY ON RECREATION AND THE ENVIRONMENT

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To date Versions one to twelve of the **NSRE** have been completed. Version XII's data were collected from late November 2001 through April, 2002. This version contained questions pertaining to people's recreation participation, national forest values, public land management, rural land ownership, environmental opinions and attitudes, and demographics. All of version XII's questions are site specific to the Southern Appalachian Mountains. A total of 5,200 interviews were collected for Version XII.

Version XIII of the **NSRE** began in late December, 2001 and is expected to finish by the middle of August, 2002. This version contains questions pertaining to people's recreation participation (with particular regard to fresh and saltwater activities, agricultural and farm related activities), sightseeing, national scenic byways, and demographics. To date, a total of 4,400 interviews have been collected for version XIII.

Version XIV of the **NSRE** will be started in late July, 2002 and is expected to be completed by the end of November, 2002. Version XIV contains questions pertaining to people's recreation participation, controlled burns and wildfires, the Woody's Owl Environmental program, charter forests, rural land ownership, and demographics.

Since September 1999, when the first completed interviews for the **NSRE** were collected and analyzed, over 100 presentations and several preliminary reports and summaries have been completed. Some of the topics presented covered issues such as outdoor recreation participation trends, wilderness values, changing public environmental concerns and opinions, public land management and practices, agricultural and farm related activities, sightseeing, and people's lifestyles. A book summarizing the **NSRE**'s findings called "Outdoor Recreation: 21st Century America" is currently being written and is expected to be published late in 2002. As progress on **NSRE** continues and more interviews are completed, more presentations, reports and publications will be forthcoming. Please check our web-site for these presentations and materials.

NSRE is being administered through two survey centers: the Human Dimensions Research Laboratory and the Social Science Research Institute at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. To date, over 130,000 hours of interviewing have been spent on data collection alone. For further information regarding the content, progress and results of the **NSRE** survey, contact Gary T. Green on (706)-559-4269 or gtgreen/srs_athens@fs.fed.us. Information may also be obtained at <http://www.srs.fs.fed.us/trends/>